

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1393 - HB 1369

March 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends post-adoption services provided by the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to all families who have adopted children and the biological families of adopted children.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,467,100

Assumptions:

- Currently, DCS provides post-adoption services to families who have adopted children for whom the department had legal responsibility immediately preceding the adoption and the biological families of children adopted through the department.
- In 2014, DCS finalized 1,136 adoptions.
- The FY14-15 budget for adoption services is \$84,373,700.
- Adoption services are estimated to be approximately \$74,273 per adoption (\$84,373,700/1,136).
- The number of private adoptions within the state annually as well as the number of families that would request post-adoption services from DCS is unknown.
- If the amount of services increased by 10 percent, the department would provide services to approximately 114 additional adoptions (1,136 x 0.10).
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$8,467,122 (114 adoptions x \$74,273).
- While the current services are funded through a combination of state and federal funds, these increased expenditures would be fully state funded to provide services to a non-DCS population.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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